

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

GWENDOLYN LAWSON,

Plaintiff,

v.

Civil Case No. 16-14059  
Honorable Linda V. Parker

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL  
SECURITY,

Defendant.

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**OPINION AND ORDER (1) ADOPTING MAGISTRATE JUDGE'S  
AUGUST 29, 2017 REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION; (2) DENYING  
PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT; (3) GRANTING  
DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT; AND (4)  
AFFIRMING DEFENDANT'S DECISION DENYING PLAINTIFF SOCIAL  
SECURITY BENEFITS**

On November 16, 2016, Plaintiff filed this lawsuit challenging Defendant's final decision denying her application for social security benefits. On the same date, this Court referred the lawsuit to Magistrate Judge Patricia T. Morris for all pretrial proceedings, including a hearing and determination of all non-dispositive matters pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A) and/or a report and recommendation ("R&R") on all dispositive matters pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B). (ECF No. 4.) The parties subsequently filed cross-motions for summary judgment. (ECF Nos. 17, 20.)

On August 29, 2017, Magistrate Judge Morris issued an R&R recommending that this Court deny Plaintiff's motion for summary judgment, grant Defendant's motion, and affirm Defendant's decision denying Plaintiff's application for social security benefits. (ECF No. 21.) At the conclusion of the R&R, Magistrate Judge Morris advises the parties that they may object to and seek review of the R&R within fourteen days of service upon them. (*Id.* at Pg ID 750-51.) She further specifically advises the parties that "[f]ailure to file specific objections constitutes a waiver of any further right to appeal." (*Id.*) Neither Plaintiff nor Defendant filed objections to the R&R.

The Court has carefully reviewed the R&R and concurs with the conclusions reached by Magistrate Judge Morris. The Court therefore adopts her August 29, 2017 R&R.

Accordingly,

**IT IS ORDERED** that Plaintiff's motion for summary judgment (ECF No. 17) is **DENIED**;

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Defendant's motion for summary judgment (ECF No. 20) is **GRANTED**;

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Defendant's decision denying Plaintiff's

application for social security benefits is **AFFIRMED**.

s/ Linda V. Parker  
LINDA V. PARKER  
U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE

Dated: November 2, 2017

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing document was mailed to counsel of record and/or pro se parties on this date, November 2, 2017, by electronic and/or U.S. First Class mail.

s/ R. Loury  
Case Manager